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Danger from within

✓ The American people should take seriously the warning from a top intelligence agent that the CIA may succumb to the temptation to pry inordinately into internal affairs of this nation. Victor Marchetti is campaigning for more presidential and congressional control over the entire U.S. intelligence community.

His words have the ring of authority. He spent 16 years with the Central Intelligence Agency, rising eventually to a position in which he prepared intelligence estimates for the White House. He thinks ✓ the CIA is too costly and open to too much military influence.

But, primarily, he fears that the CIA may, with the end of the cold war in Europe and the war in Vietnam, "turn

on the United States" itself. That is, begin operating against student groups, political movements, etc. ✓

If a man of his background and knowledge fears such developments, then it might be time for all Americans to be alert to the dangers. A police-type society is contrary to all that America stands for, and one of the last things we want to happen here.

But it could happen here, and we hope that the President and congress will concern themselves more with this agency which has had, in the past, singular freedom of action.

Americans must continue to be aware of dangers from within along with those from outside our boundaries.

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